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Applicant: Puranam U. SARMA et al. Group: 1631
Application No.: 09/871,961 Examiner: Lori A. Clow
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For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES USEFUL FOR DIAGNOSIS OF
ASPERGILLUS FUMIGATUS AND A PROCESS OF PREPARING
THE SAME

LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability in the above-identified application has required the submission of a substitute declaration because there was no date following the signature of inventor Seturan B. Katti. This is to advise that a substitute declaration correcting this deficiency was timely filed in the USPTO on June 17, 2004. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the USPTO acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the substitute declaration.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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